

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

Coiner's Office.

Carson City, Nevada, Jan. 24, 1893.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent.

Sir:

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In reply to yours of the 23d instant, enclosing a copy of letter received from the Director of the Mint, also one from the Engraver, in regard to dies for the year 1892, I respectfully beg leave to state that each and every die was accounted for, together with the number of pieces struck; the value and when and why condemned, in a tabulated statement, sent to your office January 4, 1893. In regard to the ordering of an excessive number of dies, I beg leave to offer the following explanation: The dies for this Mint are ordered sent soft, and the hardening is done here. This was found most expedient, as the hardened dies sent us were highly unsatisfactory - many sinking and cracking when in use but a few moments. In hardening dies here they are sometimes lost for use on account of cracking, especially if there be a flaw of any nature in the texture of the steel. To make provisions for any possible contingency - a larger number of dies were ordered for 1892 than were absolutely required, our loss in hardening being extremely small. Of the dies that were hardened the record of the number of pieces struck shows how efficiently that operation is performed here. Trusting that this explanation will prove satisfactory to you, I remain,

Respectfully yours,
C. H. Colburn,
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Carson City Nev.
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